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## Student Senate searches for students to fill empty seats

By KIMBERLY SMITH  
THE PARTHENON

The Student Government Association will reach out to the student body to fill 43 empty seats in the Student Senate.

The SGA is made up of the executive branch, the student senate and the Senate Apprenticeship Program. According to their website, anyone who is not a first semester freshman can apply and fill a senate seat. First semester freshman must

apply and complete the Senate Apprenticeship Program first.

"Either way, we still need students to know how important it is to be represented in student government," E.J. Hassan, president pro tempore, said.

The requirements for joining can be found on the SGA website.

"It is easier than ever to sign up for student senate," Hassan said. "Especially now, with the new website and all applications being online."

Nick Chancey, parliamentarian and chairman of the judiciary committee, said the idea of the student senate is to have all students from all colleges on campus represented.

"By not filling those seats, the student body does not get represented," Chancey said. "And by not representing people in the student body, we can not effectively serve them."

Cassie Smith, a communication disorders major, said she

never thought about joining the student senate because she is already part of other clubs and organizations.

"I am secretary of NSSLHA, an organization in my major," Smith said. "Between that and my schoolwork, I don't think I'd have enough time to add something else to my plate."

Hassan and Chancey both said they realize the SGA is not the only organization on campus and do not want to

discourage students from joining clubs they are most interested in.

"I just want students to realize that the student senate provides the opportunity for students to change their campus," Hassan said. "Even if you have a lot going on, or you're not interested — maybe you have a friend that might want to join."

Hassan said communication is key when it comes to making

things work.

"Especially with our student body president, Ray, being in Charleston this semester for his internship, we have to have an open dialogue between all members, on every level," Hassan said.

Students who are interested in joining Student Senate can apply online.

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## State of the State address



COURTESY OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin presents the State of the State address Wednesday in Charleston.

### Tomblin tackles budget, education in state address

By BISHOP NASH  
NEWS EDITOR

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin carried a battery of propositions to West Virginia House chamber floor of the state capital in his State of the State address Wednesday night. Tomblin used the annual speech to the Mountain State to highlight ambitions in a balanced budget, streamlining the educational system and curtailing drug abuse among other issues.

"Tonight I present a plan to you," Tomblin said from the podium. "A plan to make this great state even greater for future generations."

Now beginning his first full term as governor, Tomblin praised the state's legislative moves in prohibiting phone use

while driving, fighting back the state's torrential drug problem and lowering taxes. The Democratic governor from Chapmanville claimed that repairs and trims to the state's budget would save West Virginians \$40 million in taxes this year.

Hailing the state's resilience in tightening up while the national economic climate remained shaky, Tomblin proudly announced that West Virginia's state budget would be balanced with no additional taxes. While calling for government offices to reach toward a 7.5 percent budget reduction, the governor was quick to clear that state-sponsored scholarships, educational aid, mine safety, Medicaid and state police funding would stay untouched by

impending cuts.

"These reductions are not easy," Tomblin said. "But they are the right thing to do for future generations."

Tomblin went on to address the ever-present energy situation, in which he praised the impact natural gas and coal creates in the state economy. He vowed to increase land development of energy extraction purposes and to combat Environmental Protection Agency regulations, the latter receiving a standing ovation from the House floor.

Education became another key hallmark in Tomblin's plan for West Virginia, and the governor acknowledged the state's shortcomings in graduation

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### Marshall prepares for 7.5 percent budget cut from state

By TAYLOR STUCK  
THE PARTHENON

All eyes were on Charleston Wednesday night as Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin delivered his State of the State address.

Tomblin presented his proposed budget for the 2014 fiscal year, which included a 7.5 percent cut to state agencies and programs.

"These reductions are not easy, but they are important for future generations," Tomblin said.

Programs such as the Promise Scholarship, public education and mine safety programs were exempt from the cut and no new taxes were in the proposed budget. However, public higher education was not exempt.

Marshall University had

already begun preparing for the potential 7.5 percent cut to the school's budget, according to Chief of Staff Matt Turner.

"The reconstruction of the School of Journalism and College of Fine Arts will save us about half a million dollars," Turner said.

The university is doing all it can to reduce costs, such as trying to bring in more students, but Turner stressed how large a 7.5 percent cut is.

"Imagine you work five days a week as a student and they cut your hours 7.5 percent," Turner said. "You only work four hours a week, but you still need to pay rent, utilities and put gas in your car. You would have to find a way to reduce your budget."

Marshall President Stephen

Kopp said he is doing everything in his power to prevent extra costs from falling on the backs of students and parents.

"As a nation and a state, we recognize the importance of higher education," Kopp said. "But, unfortunately, it seems public policy is making it harder."

Turner said the belief is that public higher education can handle the budget cuts because they can raise tuition and cushion the budget cut.

"Will we have to raise tuition?" Turner said. "We don't know yet."

According to a report by John Quinterno for Dēmos, a non-partisan public policy research and advocacy

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Financial Aid Awareness Week

Students learn about Teach Grant and loan Forgiveness

By MIRANDA PEMBERTON  
THE PARTHENON

As part of financial aid awareness week, education students got a chance to learn about the Teach Grant from financial aid counselors. Students sat in on a 30-minute session to learn how to qualify for the grant. "The student's can't be in the post baccalaureate or teacher certificate programs," Cindy Canterbury, financial aid counselor senior, said. "These programs are not considered degree seeking so they don't qualify." With the Teach Grant, students can receive a total of \$24,000 towards their education and undergraduate

students can receive up to \$16,000. The other \$8,000 is used for a master's degree. Students can receive \$4,000 per academic year, if the student agrees to teach in a low-income school system, go into an area that is in high need of teachers and keep a 3.25 GPA in the program or score in the 75th percentile on the ACT or SAT. Students must also fill out the FAFSA and meet satisfactory academic progress with the financial aid office. This means students have to keep a 2.0 GPA and complete at least 67 percent of the classes they sign up for. Students in the master's programs must keep a 3.0 GPA.

"Students have to fill out the Teach Grant application," Canterbury said. "They can find the application online. They must also be signed up in classes that fall under the high need field inside the college of education." Canterbury sad students have to complete the grant application plus entrance counseling and agreement to serve in the field of high need each year. Students have a total of eight years to complete their four years of service in a Title 1 school. Students wishing to explore out of West Virginia can visit the U.S Department of Education website to

find Title 1 schools throughout the United States. "Students don't have to worry about whether or not their education field becomes a field that isn't in high need for teachers after they start the program," Canterbury said. "The reason being, once they fill out the first application, and their field is a high need field at that time, they will still continue to get the grant." Students who do not complete the program after they have received grant money, will have those grants turned into loans and will have to pay them back, Canterbury said. The deadline to apply for the Teach Grant is March 1.

Students may also qualify for the loan forgiveness program. "Students with Stafford or Federal Direct loans could possibly get up to \$17,500 of their loans forgiven," Canterbury said. "To qualify the student must teach full time for five consecutive years in certain elementary and secondary schools that serve low income families." Financial aid counselors will also be in the Memorial Student Center from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today to answer any questions students may have about filling out their FAFSA. **Miranda Pemberton can be contacted at pemberton23@marshall.edu.**

Students receive tax help from VITA

By JESSICA PATTERSON  
THE PARTHENON

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is a group on Marshall University's campus that helps students file their income tax returns for free. Amanda Thompson-Abbott, instructor in the College of Business and site coordinator of VITA, said VITA is a program designed to help taxpayers with income tax returns. "Beta Alpha Psi played a key role in bringing VITA to Marshall," Thompson-Abbott said. Beta Alpha Psi is a professional, business fraternity within the College of Business. Thompson-Abbott said the VITA program is a partner in a larger network of VITA sites throughout the tri-state area. VITA helps students take their classroom knowledge and turn it into a work setting. "VITA is a wonderful way for the students to develop themselves professionally," Thompson-Abbott said. Thompson-Abbott said student volunteers are certified to help file taxes and are required to take an ethical exam to volunteer with the program. Ali Sandy, junior accounting major and VITA coordinator, said she likes being able to be involved and help taxpayers with their taxes. Sandy said her experience with VITA has also helped her

expand her cultural education. "I'm from a small town in West Virginia and I'd never been around anyone with a different accent," Sandy said. "It broadened my cultural awareness." Thompson-Abbott said the site, at Marshall, is one of the few VITA sites in the area that can help non-residents file taxes. Chase Kirby, junior management information systems major and Vita coordinator, said the program is beneficial to all students. "It's free for one thing," Kirby said. "For resident students, we can do everything automatically." Thompson-Abbott said having a free program is useful for taxpayers who need help understanding tax forms. "It can get quite expensive if you go to someplace where it costs to have your taxes done," Thompson-Abbott said. "There is no cost to VITA. Students can bring in their information and we can sit down and help them get through the complicated tax law." The VITA program is open to students between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays in rooms 241 and 242 of Corbly Hall. The program began this past week and will run through April 15, with the exception of March 19 and March 21. **Jessica Patterson can be contacted at patterson73@marshall.edu.**



EBONY ROBINSON | THE PARTHENON

Dr. Laura Diener rehearsing for her performance in the upcoming benefit production of the Vagina Monologues, which opens tonight.

The Vagina Monologues returns to Marshall

By EBONY ROBINSON  
THE PARTHENON

Starting this Valentine's Day, the benefit production of "The Vagina Monologues," by Tony Award winner Eve Ensler, will return to the stage at Marshall University. The award winning play will take place at Marco's Basement in the Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the event

and proceeds of the three day event will be donated to Huntington organizations such as Branches Domestic Violence Shelter and CONTACT Rape Crisis Center. The play's author and activist, Eve Ensler, based the play on dozens of interviews she conducted with women. The play addresses women's sexuality and the social stigma surrounding rape and

abuse, and creates a new conversation about women and with women. Since breaking ground when it was written in 1994, the play has been performed across the world. Director for the Marshall University rendition of the play, Liz Deal, said the experience of exploring women's stories is very powerful and empowering and a light is shined

on violence against women with various backgrounds. Deal, a Huntington resident, earned degrees in theatre from Syracuse University and has worked in university theatre for the last 30 years. She said the play is an asset to the community. "We tend to think that violence happens somewhere else

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COFA offers Italian experience

By CODI MOHR  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students will experience art, culture and history through an interdisciplinary program in Florence, Italy this summer. The program is hosted by the College of Fine Arts and provides educational opportunities in art and English through a three-week course taught by Marshall professors Rachael Peckham and Daniel Kaufmann. Peckham, professor of English, said the program is a marriage of media promoting artistic expression and students will create and publish blogs as a way to transform their experiences into digitalized works of art. Peckham said the course is flexible, specifically for art students. "I think that language should be considered another medium," Peckham said. "I might encourage students to look at the way that writing can achieve some the effects they're going for in visual art."

The course will give students the opportunity to practice photography and creative nonfiction and the aesthetics, ethics and strategies they involve. Students will gain experience through exploration, journaling and field trips to Rome and Venice. Don Van Horn, dean of the COFA, serves as director of the program and expresses the importance of international experiences to every student. This year, students from the College of Health Professions, the College of Business, the College of Science and other colleges within the university will join the COFA students in an exploration of culture. Van Horn said he attributes the decision to base the program in Florence to his background in visual arts and his affinity for the city. "I always wanted it to have a strong visual art component and you couldn't pick a much better city," Van Horn said. Van Horn describes the strong emphasis on art in terms of its evidence in the

work that students produce after returning from the program. "Their work grows in its sophistication because they've been exposed to contemporary work from across the world. So, you begin to see some of those contemporary trends show up in their work," Van Horn said. "I can recall seeing historical references show up in students' work that you probably wouldn't have seen otherwise." This is the fourth year the program has been offered, and according to Van Horn, about 50 students have participated in the course over the past three years. "It's really going to be an immersion experience," Peckham said. "It's about getting over there and being immersed in the culture, in the art, in the history, and you don't know how that will influence what doors will be opened for you." **Codi Mohr can be contacted at mohr13@live.marshall.edu.**

Marshall students "stand" to make a difference

By AMANDA REESMAN  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students are taking a stand against human trafficking by starting a campus chapter of the International Justice Mission. They plan to raise awareness for the cause by standing for 27 hours in March. IJM is a human rights agency that aims to help and rescue victims of slavery and sexual exploitation. "Their goal is to make slavery actually abolished," Schuyler Reggi, president of the Marshall IJM campus chapter and senior advertising major, said. "They work in America and internationally to free slaves from sex trafficking and forced labor." The idea for starting the Marshall IJM campus chapter was introduced to the group while they attended the Passion Conference in Atlanta. "IJM was the featured organization at the conference this year," Tyler Pralley, vice president of the Marshall IJM campus

chapter and sophomore public relations major, said. "So, they encouraged the students to go back to their campuses and start chapters and we took them seriously — took them literally — and came back and started one." The Marshall IJM campus chapter is currently planning a "Stand for Freedom" campaign and hopes to raise \$2,700 and gather 1,000 signatures to send to President Barack Obama. The Marshall IJM campus chapter will host the "stand" on the student center plaza March 8-9. "What we are going to do is, we're just going to stand," Pralley said. "Stand for 27 hours for the 27 million estimated victims of human trafficking around the world today." IJM has started the national "Stand for Freedom" campaign, which has 60 campuses involved, Reggi said. "Our goal is to raise awareness on our campus, in the community, in Huntington and the tri-state if we can expand

it that far," Reggi said. The Marshall IJM campus chapter hopes to reach the Marshall campus with IJM's "Stand for Freedom" campaign that they see as more than just a campus issue. "It's a human rights issue and the community should be aware," Pralley said. "A lot of people don't know that Huntington is in the top 15 cities in the nation for human trafficking — victims come through the city." The IJM "Stand for Freedom" campaign started at a few college campuses and has now grown to a national event. "We would love for people to jump on board with this," Reggi said. "Slavery is not a religious thing, it's a humanitarian thing. The more people that jump on board with it, the sooner it will end." The Marshall IJM campus chapter meets Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Center. **Amanda Reesman can be contacted at reesman@marshall.edu.**





MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
MEMPHIS	10	0	21	3
SOUTHERN MISS	8	2	19	6
UCF	7	3	17	7
EAST CAROLINA	5	5	14	9
MARSHALL	4	6	11	14
UAB	3	7	11	14

# SPORTS

WEST DIVISION	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
UTEP	6	4	13	10
TULSA	5	5	13	11
TULANE	4	6	16	9
HOUSTON	4	6	15	8
SMU	3	7	13	12
RICE	1	8	5	18



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## Herd holds on, outlasts Owls 71-70

By WILL VANCE  
SPORTS EDITOR

In a contest that was hotly contested, the Marshall men's basketball team pulled out a one point, 71-70, victory over the Rice Owl's Wednesday night in the Cam Henderson Center. The win broke a two-game losing streak and moved the Herd to an impressive 10-3 record at home.

"It feels good to win, whether it be by one point or two points or half a point," senior center Nigel Spikes said.

The Owl's quick style of play made the game unique. The Herd took only 45 shots, which is well below average.

The Herd also managed fouls well.

"I don't think we've had a situation this season where we had fouls to give to end both halves," Marshall Head Coach Tom Herrion said.

The foul line was critical to the Herd, which made 10 of its last 11 free throw attempts.

"Our execution down the stretch was outstanding," Herrion said. "We made big free throws to help us win the game."

The Owl's zone defense allowed the Herd to get open three-point shots, knocking down 7 of 21 from beyond the arc.

In the final minute of the game, junior guard DeAndre Kane made the game-sealing

play for the Herd. After the Owl's had pulled within two points of the Herd, Kane converted a layup and drew a foul, which he would turn into a three-point play.

"It was the first time they had run man against us. So, coach called the play," Kane said. "I got a good screen, Nigel Spikes gave me the pass and I finished the layup."

The late layup was Kane's only made basket of the game, after only attempting three shots. However, Kane contributed in other ways, dishing out ten assists during the game.

"I told my team I was going to give them the ball early, get everybody touches and try to get easy points," Kane said. "I know when it's time for my shots, so I was just trying to get my teammates involved."

Junior forward Elijah Pittman led all scorers with 22 points, including 3 of 6 shooting from three-point range. Junior guard D.D. Scarver added 17 points for the Herd. The Herd was able to win the rebounding battle 30-22, including seven rebounds by senior forward Dennis Tinnon, who also scored 11 points.

For the Owl's, senior guard Tamir Jackson paced five double-digit scorers with 16 points and also contributed five

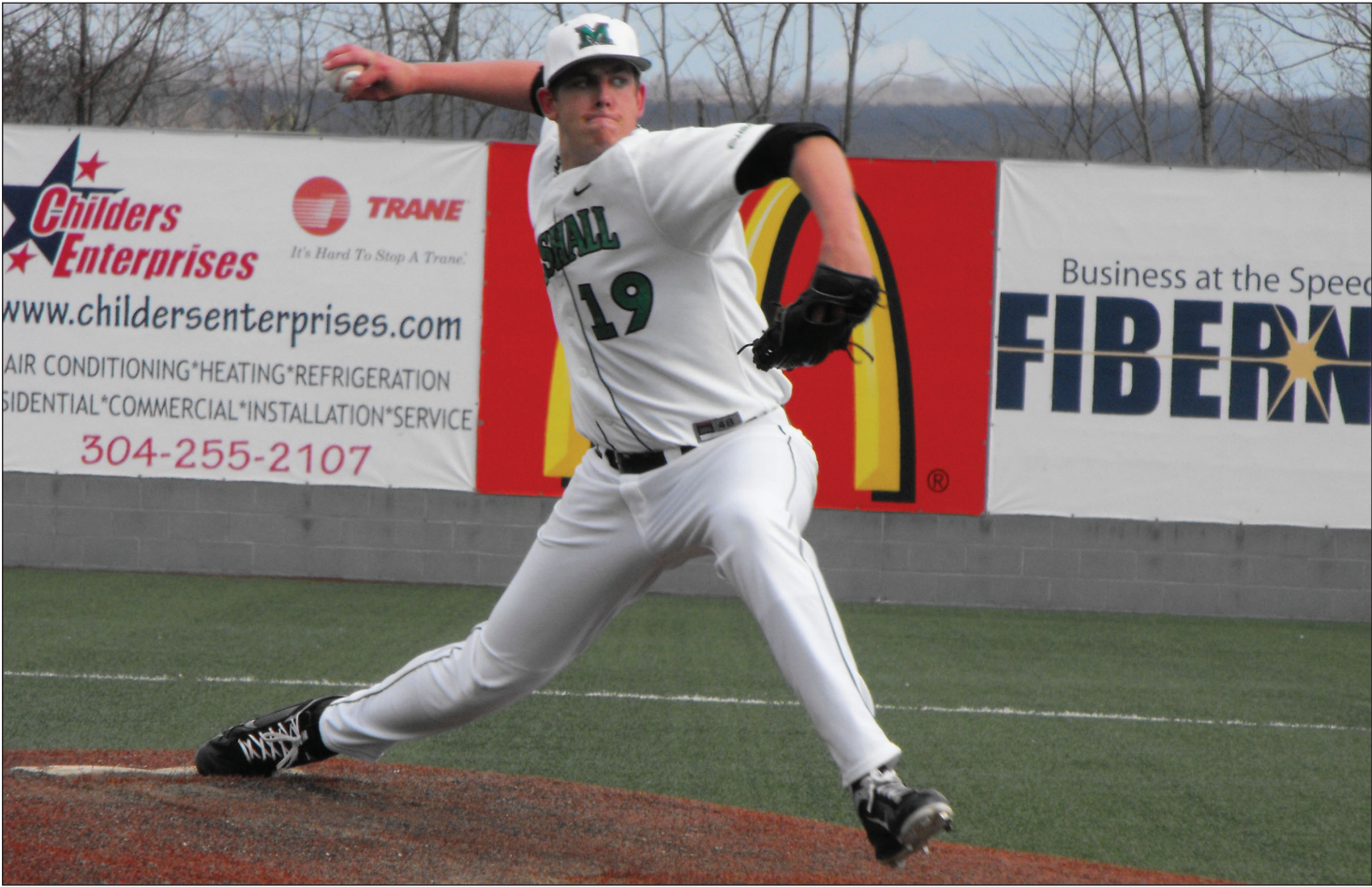


MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Junior forward Elijah Pittman drives in during last night's contest against the Rice Owl's in the Cam Henderson Center. Pittman led the Herd with 22 points, including 3 of 6 from three-point range.

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## Marshall baseball begins 2013 season against Old Dominion



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Marshall senior pitcher Aaron Blair sends a pitch against St. Bonaventure last season. Blair went 2-8 last season and had an ERA of 3.98.

By CAITIE SMITH  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Spring has sprung and baseball season is in full swing.

Major league pitchers and catchers reported for spring training at the beginning of this week, and college campuses all over the nation are opening up their schedules this weekend.

Marshall University is no different.

The Thundering Herd baseball team will travel to Norfolk, Va. to face future Conference USA foe Old Dominion. The three game series is slated to begin Friday at 3:00 p.m. and will conclude with a Sunday matchup at 1:00 p.m.

The Monarchs posted a record of 19-34 in 2012, and in Colonial Athletic Association play, ODU posted a record of 9-21.

Senior first baseman Nate Gomez has yet to think about the upcoming opponent.

"I don't know much about ODU, but we have been focusing on what we can do better as a team," Gomez said. "We can't control what they do to a certain extent, so

we're just staying focused on what we can control."

The starting pitchers for the weekend have been set, with freshman Chase Boster getting the start on Friday and senior left hander Wayland Moore slated to pitch Sunday.

Saturday's matchup will feature staff ace Aaron Blair on the mound.

Blair said the term "ace" doesn't add any pressure on him.

"As for being the 'ace' I don't see any pressure on that at all," Blair said. "Every guy on our staff has a role and if we all do what we are capable of, we will be very successful."

Blair was awarded as a summer Collegian All American for his work in the summer Cape Cod league and is ranked by Baseball America as C-USA's best pitcher and top 2013 draft prospect.

"I guess you could say that I use my summer success as motivation," Blair said. "For me personally, I'm just trying to go out there each week and trying to improve on the last game. That's all you can really do."

Blair is expecting things from himself and the team this season.

"For me individually, I am just looking to build off last season and the summer," Blair said. "There are always ways to get better either on the field or off. As for the team, we are expecting a turn around season. We have six key returners in the field and we have great depth on the mound."

In addition to Gomez, the infield will feature returners in senior Alfredo Brito and sophomore Sergio Leon.

Leon was selected to the C-USA All-Freshman team at the end of last year's season.

Speedy senior Isaac Ballou will anchor the outfield. Ballou successfully stole 21 out of 28 bases last season.

Senior Grey Stafford, who led the team with five home runs last year, also returns.

Gomez said his expectations for the team are simple.

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## Herd women face must win vs. UTEP Miners

By MALCOLM IRVING  
THE PARTHENON

The Thundering Herd women's basketball team, 7-15 overall and 1-8 in conference, will try to bounce back from a road loss to SMU as they take on UTEP, 18-4 overall and 6-3 in conference, at home tonight at 7:00 p.m.

UTEP leads the series against Marshall 5-3. UTEP defeated Marshall 64-56 last season.

Three Marshall players posted a double-digit scoring effort in the loss this past Sunday. Sophomore forward Chuckwuka Ezeigbo and junior forward Suporia Dickens led the team in scoring with 12 points each and Dickens led the team in rebounds with 11, earning her first career double-double.

Sophomore guard Shay Weaver leads the Herd in scoring with 9.5 points per game.

The UTEP Miners will come into the game ranked second in the conference under Southern Methodist.

Junior Forward Kayla Thornton, who averages 15 points per game, and senior center Anete Steinberga, who average 14 points per game, lead the Miners.

The upcoming Herd schedule is going to be tough. On Sunday, the Herd played top ranked Southern Methodist. Tonight, they play second ranked UTEP and then they take on fourth ranked East Carolina and fifth ranked UAB.

"They are going to face some challenges for this upcoming game," Weaver said. "We need to stay consistent and play hard the whole game. We have moments where we kind of don't play, and that kills us. That is when our opponents get their runs, so we just have to stay consistent."

Weaver said they changed their practice play for the upcoming game. "We've been going pretty light so we can be fresh and ready to go," Weaver said.

This is a must win game for the Herd, Weaver said.

"We are getting deep into the season and we need to go on a role, going into conference tournament play," Weaver said. "We need to all focus and get on the same page. What we did for the Memphis game, we need to do for every game."

The Herd will take to the courts tonight, as they take on the UTEP Miners in the Cam Henderson Center at 7 p.m.

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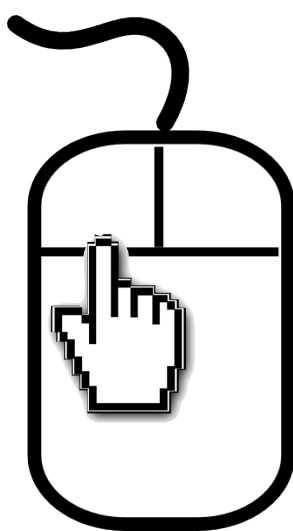
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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.



ONLINE POLLS

What do you think about 'award season?'

- I love them!
- I don't watch awards shows.
- I only watch the Grammys
- I only watch the Oscars

What is your favorite season?

- |          |                |
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| ■ Spring | 27% - 12 votes |
| ■ Summer | 32% - 14 votes |
| ■ Autumn | 30% - 13 votes |
| ■ Winter | 11% - 5 votes  |

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Editorial

Tomblin, Obama more alike than advertised

In a state where the difference between Democrats and Republicans is conservative and very conservative, respectively, directly jumping on anything connected with President Barack Obama can potentially be a kiss of political death. It was joked Tuesday night that when Senator Joe Manchin shook the president's hand before the State of the Union, the footage would certainly end up in an attack ad featuring Manchin as Obama's Mountain State puppet. Manchin's gubernatorial successor, Earl Ray Tomblin, has likewise been no open friend to the president, despite all three's Democratic commonality.

Like it or not, Tomblin and Obama clearly see eye-to-eye on at least a few issues, as was public in the governor's State of the State address Wednesday night.

Both men targeted reformations in the educational system, which is pretty standard in any all-encompassing address by any well-versed politician. Everyone can get behind helping out kids. What is striking is the particular facet of public education

both men chose to hit — preschool. More often than not, preschool is overlooked in the eyes of the public and politicians alike as a part of the generalized "public education" spectrum. Tomblin and Obama both agreed that education must start at an increasingly younger age before students allegedly become harder to reach at an older age.

As far as issues to rally behind, this one is pretty mundane. Everyone can agree that education should be a top priority in any society, but these two seemingly polar opposites on the Democratic scale can agree that more money needs to be tossed toward children too young for kindergarten.

While Tomblin did make a thunderous point to fight the Environmental Protection Agency's regulations deemed detrimental to the West Virginia's extractive energies, we have got to admit that conservatives and liberals do, in fact, want a great deal of the same outcomes. The only problem is how we are getting there.

Column

From Russia with Love: Lenin and Stalin

By HENRY CULVYHOUSE  
COLUMNIST

Happy Valentine's Day, Marshall University. While you might give your lover a red box of chocolate today, I'm just giving you a column about Reds.

Previously, I explained how power is captured and held through force, deception or revolutionary force. Now, I will argue how these different powers worked in the USSR, from 1917 to late 1930s. This will be a simplified argument and is not a comprehensive history. I will focus on two figures in this period, Vladimir Illyich Lenin and Josef Stalin. For the next few weeks, I will argue the differences and similarities between Lenin and Stalin's views on political power and will assess their actions.

In this analysis, I will not pass moral judgment on these men's actions. So, I'll do it right now. Lenin couldn't understand the world around him, and his readjustments tended to worsen, rather than improve, situations. Stalin was a sociopathic despot.

Today, I will look at Lenin's intellectual framework and Russia's prerevolutionary social conditions.

Lenin's thought was shaped by two currents of late 19th century revolutionary thought. Marxism gained traction in Western Europe during the industrial revolution, influencing the trade union movement. In a nutshell, Marxism argues that history unfolds through the conflict of an oppressed economic class and an oppressing class. When the oppressed class out grows its need for the current economic system, it overthrows the oppressor. Marx said the working class in capitalism, which produces but does not reap the profits of its bosses, would for overthrow the capitalists, setting up a socialist state run by and for the working class. Overtime, the state would "whither away"

leading to true communism, without government or class.

As Marxism spread in the European trade unions, Russian intellectuals embraced anarchism. In theory, the only thing separating anarchism and communism is the question of when to launch the revolution and the state. Anarchists argued the revolution could be launched anytime and anywhere, without regards to the material conditions of the society. Marx argued socialism could only happen in the most advanced industrial countries. Anarchist ideology also argued the state was not needed after the revolution, and true communism could be take root.

Lenin always argued Russia, which was still an agricultural nation based on peasants, was not ready for socialism. Only the cities had industry, and this industry was still quite small, compared to England or France. The peasants were uneducated and tended to side with religious or ethnic groupings instead of political organizations. For Lenin, only a democratic, not a socialist revolution could come about in Russia.

Like the anarchists that dominated Russian thought before Marx's Russian debut in the 1890s, Lenin believed if the opportunity for a socialist revolution presented itself, communists, no matter what the social conditions, should seize power.

In Nov. 1917, Lenin believed the opportunity had come. The Czar was overthrown in March, and a provisional government, made up of a variety of political parties, was failing to address the issues that put them in power, namely, ending Russian involvement in WWI and solving the food shortages.

Next week, I will look at Lenin's theories on political power and how they influenced his exercise of it.

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BLUNDERGRADS

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Letter to the editor

In a recent Parthenon article, "The 1.7%; The Misrepresentation of the Marshall Student Body," it is asserted by the author that the Marshall University Student Government Association failed to represent more than 1.7% of Marshall's students when it passed a tobacco-free campus resolution earlier this year. The article claims that in order for the Assessment Day Survey data to be use, the survey would need to include at least 1,000 students to be an accurate sampling of Marshall's 14,000-14,500 students. However, according to Penn State University, a sample size of 390 people is an accurate sample size for a body of 15,000 with a 95% confidence level and a margin of error of +/-5%. Similarly, the publication Conducting Survey Research in the Social Science, by Isadore Newman and Keith A. McNeil states that 311 people would make for an accurate sample size with the same confidence interval and the same margin of error.

Student Government strives daily to serve the best interest of the students, but it becomes extremely difficult to get each opinion. The data collected on this issue, comprising an accurate sample size, gave us a clear directive, and we acted. Your Voice, Our Actions.

-Adam Fridley, SGA Chief of Staff

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Column

— Papal Reality Show —

By KYLE GIBSON  
COLUMNIST

If the entire world is a stage and reality television is the new modern stage, then I have an idea that will make millions.

Listen up, MTV. Get a load of this, TLC, or any other three-letter, reality loving networks, because the oldest institution on earth can make your ratings go sky high.

My idea is called "World's Next Top Catholic." Any network that wants to pick this up immediately is guaranteed weeks worth of entertainment value and loads of money.

The show would chronicle the lives of potential candidates for the cushiest job out there — the job of pope.

The fan-base is already there, as members of the Roman-Catholic faith will tune-in to see their next holy leader.

Contestants would arrive at Vatican City and will be given various challenges by the

College of Cardinals. I've already thought of a few ideas for challenges.

Episode one would showcase a very important quality that any pope needs — his wave to the crowd. Candidates will be wheeled down the street in the pope mobile and wave to cheering fans.

Episode two will bring extra stress, as candidates will compete to see who can make the best robe, crown, staff and papal ring. Can you say drama?

Episode three brings even more of a challenge, as the College of Cardinals — who will certainly become more television savvy as the show goes on — will judge which candidate gives the best sermon. Will someone mess up the prayers? Will some candidates prove to be too liberal for the holy office?

Episode four will showcase new technology, as the College will judge the best tweet.

Twitter came to the Vatican by way of Pope Benedict XVI, and the new pope will be expected to follow his #holyfootsteps.

Other episodes will sample from shows such as Survivor and have the contestants split into teams. Activities such as laser tag and cooking competitions will bring out the best and worst in these candidates.

Each week, the College of Cardinals and a poll gathered from catholic churches across the globe will vote a potential pope out of the Vatican. The fan vote will actually give subjects of the church a chance to have their say after thousands of years without one.

In a perfect world, Anne Robinson from "The Weakest Link" will be on location to deliver the news to the losers.

"You are the weakest bishop. Goodbye."

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# Student Resource event helps guide students to a major

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Just in time for Valentine's Day, Marshall University's Student Resource Center presented Color My Career, an event focused on guiding students to their right major.

The event offered two sessions on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center at noon and 2 p.m., Wednesday.

Michelle Barbour, career service specialist, said it is important to begin deciding upon a major as soon as possible.

"I suggest that they start as early as possible in exploring what they like and dislike, because the sooner they start they can get into their major and connect with professors and be towards their career path," Barbour said. "The sooner they declare a major, they can start thinking about what they need to do to further their career with different internships and activities related to their major."

Barbour has helped multiple students in finding the right

major through career assessments. Julitha Braggs, junior social work major, said Barbour helped her in deciding upon a major that suited her interests.

"She gave me a Facebook website to go to," Braggs said. "To do an assessment on things I like to do and it helped me choose. I already had a major in mind that I wanted to go to, but it just helped me pick it better."

Techniques to help students with figuring out a major include work

shadowing. Shadowing allows students to watch and interview somebody in the field they are thinking about majoring. Students can also complete mini internships in the major of their interest.

Barbour said when deciding upon a major, to nail down something concrete by the end of your freshman year.

"I say by the end of their freshman year, they should really start to be nailing something concrete down,"

Barbour said. "Some majors you have to have classes built on classes and sometimes if they wait too long on deciding their major it can put them semesters behind graduation."

Josef Johnson, junior accounting major, said changing her major in her sophomore year was a relatively easy transition.

"I was first a chemistry major, but I realized that was not for me," Johnson said. "So I came to career services

and Michelle gave me an assessment then gave me the offices from certain majors so I could talk to the heads of the departments and decide, from there, which one was better."

Choosing the right major is difficult for some students, but Color My Career allowed students to narrow their focus to select a major that will benefit their personality interests.

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# Christopher Dorner hid in plain sight

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To track Christopher Dorner, police from dozens of agencies chased tips across multiple states and into Mexico. But it appears now that he found a hiding place where searchers were thickest.

It is unclear how long Dorner, 33, was hunkered down in the cabin in the 1200 block of Club View Drive, in the snowy mountains near Big Bear. But the cabin was so close to the manhunt command post and to an adjacent

press area that countless police and reporters would have fallen in his line of vision.

Questions abounded Wednesday about how Dorner managed to evade capture at the very center of the manhunt, a day after he apparently died in another cabin nearby during a police siege.

Authorities are trying to confirm whether charred remains found in the cabin, which caught fire after police lobbed incendiary tear gas inside, belonged to Dorner.

Authorities declared the manhunt over Wednesday. And the

Los Angeles Police Department, which had been on frequent tactical alerts, has resumed normal operations. Most of the protective details have been called off the 50 or so families who were threatened in an online manifesto police say Dorner wrote.

Dorner, an ex-LAPD officer embittered by his firing, killed the daughter of a retired LAPD captain, her fiancé and two law officers during a nine-day rampage that began in Irvine, police say.

On Feb. 7, authorities found the smoking wreckage of Dorner's Nissan Titan in the Big Bear area,

triggering a massive search. Could Dorner, who reportedly bragged about his military and survivalist skills, survive on the cold mountain? Could he have staged the burning truck as a diversion, and already be hundreds of miles away? Was he dead?

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department officials said the search included more than 600 cabins over eight square miles in the Big Bear area, where many of the structures are empty vacation homes. But Jeanne Kelly, who lives blocks from where Dorner was apparently holed up, said

searchers never knocked on her door.

"I think if they searched every house, they probably would've found him," said Kelly, 61. "I hate to knock them."

Jim Rose lives half a mile from the command center, and said searchers never knocked on his door either. "One friend said 'OK, so much for the inspection,'" said Rose, 78.

At a news conference Wednesday afternoon, sheriff's officials defended the search. They said deputies checked the general area extensively and said they did not

identify signs of forced entry at that particular cabin.

Officials said the cabin was last rented Feb. 6, a day before Dorner's truck was found burning nearby.

Jack Gaston and his wife, Donna, said they are happy the search is over and hope life will return to normal on the mountain, where roads were closed and residents passed through multiple police checkpoints over the last week.

They said they were shocked Dorner had still been in the area. "We figured he was five states away from here," Donna Gaston said.



BRIAN VANDER BRUG | MCT

Investigators process the scene and identify the human remains found in the charred cabin on Wednesday, where fugitive ex cop Christopher Dorner was believed to have been holed up after trading gunfire overnight with officers.

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assists. Austin Ramljak led the Owl's in rebounding with seven to go with his 15 points.

The loss to the Herd was the Owl's sixth in the past seven games and dropped them to 1-9 in Conference USA play.

The Herd will try to build

upon the win this Saturday when they take on the no. 22 ranked Memphis Tigers. The Herd fell to the Tigers 73-72 in Memphis in January.

Tip-off between the Herd and Tigers is set for 8 p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center.

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**State**  
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rates, literacy and vocational education. Highlighting Tomblin's call for education reform were measures to have all students reading on grade level by the end of third grade, increased access to full-day

preschool and the streamlining of academic calendars.

"Through the legislative session, let's take bold action so the next generation of West Virginians will have the passion, skills and knowledge to change our world," Tomblin said.

A balanced budget and education reform were rounded

out by the Tomblin's calls for grabbing control of state drug abuse and prison overcrowding, issues the governor acknowledged were related. Tomblin stated the problems were physically and financially detrimental to the state's well being and asked lawmakers to address the situation in the

current legislative session.

In response to the 2012 pipeline explosion in Sissonville, W.Va., Tomblin called for increased pipeline safety with a \$200,000 maximum violation fine.

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**Budget**  
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organization, state funding for public higher education nation wide has decreased, leaving students and parents forced to pay and borrow more to receive an education.

Kopp said he is a strong

supporter of a higher education and does not want to see funding diminish.

"We are keen to how important it is for us to prepare the next generation to lead and compete, but it seems America is moving away from that charter," Kopp said. "Historically, Americans are very supportive of helping

students, who come from less advantaged backgrounds, follow their dreams and reach a college degree as a passport to the future."

The state is not required by law to fund public higher education, as they are required to fund public K-12 education.

The state will not know for

sure what the budget cuts will be until after the 60 days of legislature. Once the appropriations from the state are known, Marshall must present a balanced budget to the Board of Governors in June.

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**Monologues**  
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or when it's in our own homes, that it is unspeakable," Deal said.

The performers have been practicing for their performances since the beginning of the spring semester.

Cast member Kristeena Ray said the experience has been

a great way to meet a diverse group of women from the community.

The play will be Ray's second year performing in the production.

"After last year's performance, I had a few students thank me for telling a story that they'd never heard before," Ray said. "It's just that powerful."

The two organizations that

will receive the proceeds are non-profit agency Branches Domestic Violence Shelter and CONTACT Rape Crisis Center. Branches operates in Huntington and the surrounding areas and gives victims of domestic violence a shelter. While, advocating for victims of sexual assault and stalking, CONTACT of Huntington offers prevention education to the local

community.

In describing what The Vagina Monologues represents to her, Deal said, "We all live in our own small worlds, and it is so helpful to see how we are linked to each other and how we can support each other and to hear our story in their stories."

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"Honestly, I expect us to win," Gomez said. "We are a tight knit group this year who truly care for each other and refuse to disappoint one another. I expect us not only to compete with any team in the country, but beat them. I feel like if that's not the attitude you bring to the field on game day, you've already lost."

The Marshall roster features 14 freshmen and two transfers, all of whom have never played an official game for the Thundering Herd.

Gomez said the young team can look to him for guidance.

"I don't see my position at first base as a leadership role, I see my position as a senior as leadership," Gomez said. "I've been telling the freshmen to be excited and enjoy the moment, but at the same time, to understand that trying to do too much will only hurt the team. I've been around

the college game for four years, and I know what to expect."

Gomez said the freshmen can learn from him the way he learned when he was one.

"I feel like it's my duty as a senior to prepare the younger guys mentally so they have an edge when they put on the uniform for the first time," Gomez said. "My brother did it for me when I was an underclassman and it made me the player I am today."

Gomez led the team last year with a .316 batting average and 39 RBI.

"I know if I approach each situation with a team-first mentality, my individual goals will take care of themselves," Gomez said.

The Herd will leave for Norfolk Thursday with confident spirits.

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2. Suits & Tie by Justin Timberlake	7. Locked Out of Heaven by Bruno Mars
3. I Will Wait by Mumford & Sons	8. Daylight by Maroon 5
4. When I Was Your Man by Bruno Mars	9. I Knew You Were Trouble by Taylor Swift
5. Mirrors by Justin Timberlake	10. Harlem Shake by Baauer

## “BOTTOM LINE...”

THE COUPLES THAT ARE TRULY RIGHT FOR EACH OTHER WADE THROUGH THE SAME CRAP AS EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT THE BIG DIFFERENCE IS, THEY DON'T LET IT TAKE 'EM DOWN.”

SCRUBS

# Happy Valentine’s Day

## Marshall students, local businesses, prepare for Valentine’s Day

By **ASHLEY HERRALD**  
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Cards, chocolates, flowers, jewelry and dining out are the usual gifts for Valentine’s Day. With the romantic holiday, Marshall University students discuss plans and reminisce about past Valentine’s Day activities.

Whitney Pendleton, sophomore nursing major, said she plans on spending Valentine’s Day with her husband this year.

“We are staying in this year and cooking in our pajamas,” Pendleton said. “We’re always working and going to school, so we need to get caught up on quality time together.”

Pendleton said they wanted to start a new tradition since this is their first Valentine’s Day as a married couple.

“We usually always go out to dinner every year,”

Pendleton said. “But this year we didn’t want to get out in the holiday madness.”

Kelly Higgins, junior nursing major, said she and her husband are staying home this year but usually go out to dinner.

Local businesses are also preparing for another Valentine’s Day.

Applebee’s in downtown Huntington is offering an add-on wine special with their “2 for \$20” deal. Couples can add on a bottle of Sutter Home Cabernet or Sutter Home White Zinfandel.

For couples looking for a less expensive Valentine’s Day, Qdoba Mexican Grill and Starbucks at the Huntington Mall are offering buy-one, get-one deals on Valentine’s Day.

Qdoba is offering their “no coupons, just kisses” deal. Couples who come into Qdoba will receive buy-one, get-one free entrees

for kissing their significant other. Marshall students also receive a free drink with their student ID.

At Starbucks, couples can buy one Vanilla Spice Latte, Caffé Mocha or Hot Chocolate, and get one of equal or lesser value for free on Valentine’s Day between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Higgins said she usually does not spend a lot of money on Valentine’s Day but usually goes on a special date.

Pendleton said she plans to make her husband’s Valentine’s Day present this year.

“I think it’s a great time of year to get creative and I really want to make him something memorable,” Pendleton said.

ABC News said Valentine’s Day is a \$100 million dollar holiday and the average person spends \$50.

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a big shout out to all the res life staff and the big things you are doing for students every day at marshall. we love you!  
-the res life pro-staff

Happy “V” Day, Bishop Nash! Your mom loves you!

Dear Life! editor,  
You can be in my life! anytime.  
Love you,  
Your favorite.

D&G, here we are a year down the road and still going strong. You are my best friend, my lover, my everything. Thanks for always putting up with me. You are the male version of my crazy ass <3

For years I searched for that special man or woman, that person I could proudly call my husband or wife. I secretly felt like giving up the search, but little did I know that special someone was right under my nose, right on my Myspace friends list!

That special person started out as a mere fan of my rants, but now we’re planning a life together. That person willingly came into my life despite my baggage, and still accepted me! We’ve been through rejection, happiness, tears and even the possibility of death tearing us apart. Yet through it all, our love has endured.

That man is Mark Via! Mark, you’re my hero and you literally saved my life. I love you with every fiber of my being, and I’m proud that I’ll be able to call myself “Mrs. Via”.

When you love someone, you’ll share a lot with them, but when you fall in love with someone you’re willing to share your most prized possession with them...your life!  
Happy Valentine’s Day Mark

Ezra,  
you & I have been through it all over the past 5 years. I’m so glad we married and so excited to meet our son in May. I love you dearly and can’t wait to spend another 5 years with you. :)

Yours,  
Patty

Dear Ricky,  
In the wise words of Katy Perry:

You make me feel like I’m living a teenage dream, the way you turn me on. My heart stops when you look at me. Just one touch, now baby I believe. This is real. Let’s take a chance and don’t ever look back.

Love,  
Ang :)

To: Jodd Matthew Hendrix,

You are my Valentine, because you didn’t hold me back from chasing my dreams, by letting me go to England and study abroad. You are an amazing person, to me and many others. I wish we were in the same country to celebrate Valentine’s Day together, but you can’t always get what you wish for. We can and will make it through these next couple of months, because...  
I LOVE YOU <3

Love,  
Elizabeth

I would like to wish a Happy Valentine’s Day to the love of my life, Katherine Forester

I would like to wish a Happy Valentine’s Day to all the editorial staff. You guys truly are the best. XOXO,  
John

DEAR PARTHENON READERS  
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.  
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